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COLLEGE HAPPENINGS

The Annual Joint Reception Held at Wright Hall Last Friday Evening.

CLASS OF '08 ELECT OFFICERS

Fred Soule Hard at Work at Rochester, N. Y., and Harold Gaunt at Princeton.

Another of Alma college's notable social gatherings was held last Friday evening. It is at this annual joint reception given by the Y. W. and Y. M. C. A. that many young people have met for the first time and will continue to do so, no doubt, for many years. Very attractively was the hall decorated with college and high school banners from all parts of this and adjoining states. One corner was decorated with our own college banners and seemed to be the prettiest part of the room. Instrumental solos were rendered by the piano instructor, rs. Strong, and Miss Gertrude Whitney.

Vocal solos were given by Miss Grace Messinger, Miss Alexander, Miss Ireland, Mr. Bagley and Mr. Sutton. The state student secretary of the Y. M. C. A., Warren L. Rogers, gave a very earnest plea in behalf of Bible study to the young men last Sunday afternoon. His subject was "the upward or downward course of young men." Bible study classes have been organized, the leaders being Prof. Mitchell, P. J. Allured, Blake McDonald, Paul Robins, Roy Campbell, James Hogg and Frank Locker. Monday noon Mr. Rogers met the "Student Volunteer Band" in the reception room of Wright Hall. During the past year this mission band has been constantly increasing in numbers.

The class of '08 held the first meeting of the year Monday. The old feeling of war has left us. No pesky Freshman was at the door to meet us, for this year we let the class of '10 give them (sophis) all they wanted. The following officers were elected:

President—Miss Edith Cook.
Vice-President—Miss Alice Coats.
Secretary—Herman Morse.
Treasurer—Robert Craig, Jr.
Almanac Reporter—Geo. P. Horst.
Freshman Adviser—R. E. Raycraft.

The class has always had a most delightful time at their little spreads and picnics and hope to have a better time during the next two years.

The new arrivals are: Mr. McNitt, who is specializing in vocal music. Benjamin Howell from Caro, came last Saturday.

Miss Leta Gilbert and Miss Van Campen were visiting friends at the college the latter part of the week. Miss Gilbert returned to her home in Bay City Saturday evening.

The boys of Zeta Sigma, as well as the citizens of Alma, are glad to hear that Fred Soule is so delightfully located in the Rochester seminary. He expects that the work will be most enjoyable, and says the environment is fine.

Don't forget the game on Davis Field next Saturday afternoon between Alma and Big Rapids.

From another Zeta Sigma boy at Princeton, Harold G. Gaunt, who says: "This is surely the greatest spot out doors. Campus and buildings of both university and seminary are simply grand."

The Phi Phi Alpha Literary society has received into membership the following men: Cass Chase, Duncan Deering, Will Sutherland, Henry Lathers and Allen McFadden.

Mr. Levi Butler of Caro, was with the society Monday evening and addressed the Phi Phi in a most able manner. Mr. Butler is on his way to Houghton Mining school, where he expects to graduate.

JOHN SWARTZ THE GROCER.

J. F. Swartz, too well known in Alma to require special mention in the way of an introduction, has today succeeded Harvey Davis in the old and well known Grocery stand, formerly conducted by R. H. Miller in the east end of town. We are pleased to know that he retains as manager of the store the popular H. N. Stoddard, who previous to his connection with Mr. Davis, was for two years connected with the Lee Mercantile Co. and previously for five years with the Hayt and Pierce company, so well known in Alma.

GOOD ROADS' WORK.

Arcada Township Roads Rapidly Being Gravelled and Improved.

When in Alma sometime since, State Highway Commissioner Earle called at this office and was enthusiastic in his praise of the work being done by Highway Commissioner Fred Church. Mr. Earle was especially outspoken as to the cost of the work and expressed himself as believing that the work was being done cheaper than it could be done by contract. Last Saturday the writer had the opportunity of inspecting the roads referred to and found them all that the State Commissioner had claimed for them. Last week Deputy State Highway Commissioner Rogers inspected a mile of road just finished, by Commissioner Church and approved of the same at once and Arcada township will receive five hundred dollars reward from the State. This mile of road commences at a point two miles west and one mile south of Alma running thence west to the town line.

During the last few years 26 1/2 miles of the 70 miles of road in Arcada township have been gravelled, a large portion of which has been done and paid for by our township, Mr. A. W. Wright. During the past summer, Mr. Wright has at his own expense, had two heavy coats of gravel distributed over the town line road west for a distance of one and one-half miles, besides graveling one mile of road in each for the townships of Pine River and Seville.

Good roads are a great benefit not only to the farmer but the business man, and the merchants of Alma by their increased country trade are beginning to experience the benefit of the good roads movement. A farmer had rather drive five miles if necessary, over good roads to a market, than three over the average country roads. Commissioner Church has a mile of road south of the Sugar Co's plant under construction which will be finished next year, when without a doubt another \$500 will be the State be paid to Arcada township. At the present rate it will only be a few years when all roads leading into Alma will be gravelled. The public appreciate the enterprise shown by the township of Arcada as well as the good work being done by Commissioner Church and others on the good roads movement.

SHARPERS LATEST GAME.

If you find a new one dollar bill in a letter from a stranger who writes from some eastern city that he has a fine assortment of "green goods" to sell of which he sends a sample, you can very properly put it in your pocket and consider yourself that much to the good, for according to report a gang of swindlers are angling for suckers in this section. The letters, which contain genuine one dollar bills, are mailed from Long Island, and those receiving them are directed to mail all correspondence to Harrisburg, Pa. The postal authorities are investigating.

RECEPTION TO REV. HOAG.

Last Friday evening the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Convis on Woodward avenue was thrown open to the friends and members of the First Methodist church of this city and a reception tendered Rev. and Mrs. C. E. Hoag, who leave this week for their new home in Battle Creek. The occasion was made doubly pleasant for those present by the arrival that evening of Rev. F. H. Clapp and wife, who by the action of the recent conference will for the next year make Alma their home. Music during the evening, as well as the refreshments served, added to the pleasure of the event, which was attended by 150 or more of our citizens. Rev. Hoag and wife in leaving Alma take with them the best wishes of the entire community for their future welfare.

ALMA COLLEGE GETS \$10,000.

The will of Ex-Governor Aaron T. Bliss, whose death was announced last week, was filed in Saginaw last Friday. The hearing on the petition was set for October 22. The will disposes of between \$300,000 and \$400,000, a large portion of which, after caring for Mrs. Bliss, is left to various public institutions, among which is Alma college, which by his will, will receive \$10,000 for the purpose of establishing a chair of physical culture in the woman's department, the proceeds of the bequest to be used in paying salaries.

If you want old papers, come to the Record office. We're selling them cheap while they last.

FOOT BALL SEASON OPENS SATURDAY NEXT

Jesse C. Harper, Formerly of Chicago University, is Coaching Alma's Team.—Inter-Collegiate Schedule for 1906-7—College Free from Debt.—Endowment Fund Nearing the \$300,000 Mark.

Alma, beautifully located in the heart of Michigan, has many public institutions, of which her citizens may well feel proud. Foremost among them is the college, which while the youngest in the state, yet stands second to none in many respects. Only recently through the generosity of one of Alma's honored citizens the entire indebtedness of the college was wiped out and that institution of learning which yields such a mighty influence for good not only in our own city, but throughout the county and state, is striding rapidly forward to a point where it will be in the front rank of denominational school of this entire country. The endowment fund is now nearing the \$300,000 mark, and each added year finds its faculty strengthened by new blood in order that the student may have the advantages of the prosperity which has attended the growth of the institution.

The year 1906-07 starts out with exceptionally bright prospects all along the line and to impress upon the student the fact that the body must not be neglected while the mind is being strengthened the best of athletic instructors have been secured. Mr. Jesse C. Harper, who will have charge of the athletics, is a young man who comes to the college with the very best of endorsements. He is a graduate of the University of Chicago and for two seasons played half-back and quarter on the team coached by Stagg. Mr. Harper played with the Chicago team last November when the U. of M. met their defeat. He is up to all the tricks of foot ball game and is already trying out his material.

Nothing would please the citizens of Alma better than to have the Alma foot ball team win the inter-collegiate pennant. And that the prospects are good is shown by the statement of Mr. Harper that he has the promise of "a fast, scrappy team." Present appearances would indicate that the line will average 165 pounds, while the back field, including ends, will show 155.

The first game of the season is scheduled for Saturday of this week at Davis Field, at which time the team from Ferris Institute will try to give

STATE S. S. ASSOCIATION.

The 46th annual meeting of the Michigan State Sunday School Association will be held in the First Methodist church in the city of Jackson on November 13-14-15, 1906. This meeting promises to exceed all previous conventions in numbers, interest and results. The program is to be exceptionally practical. In Marion Lawrence, the International Secretary, Prof. H. M. Hamill, D. D., Chairman of the International Educational Committee, Josephine L. Baldwin, President of the New Jersey Elementary Council and Messrs. Tullar and Meredith of New York, the committee has secured great attractions.

The Michigan Passenger Association has authorized a rate of one fare plus twenty-five cents for the round trip. Lodging and breakfast will be furnished free to the delegates. The registration fee of one dollar voted by the last convention will be an advantage to delegates and convention alike. In lieu of this each delegate will be given one copy of the song book used in the convention, one year's subscription to the "Advance," our state paper, a complete report of the convention and a suitable badge that will enable the holder to a seat until a certain fixed time after the opening of each session.

Let us with gladness plan for these days that they may be given to preparation for greater efficiency, that hearts may be strengthened, that our ideas of the wealth and glory and urgency of the harvest may be enlarged and that our sickles of labor may be sharpened for grander results. J. W. MILLIKEN, Pres. State Association.

CARO SUGAR PLANT STARTED

In speaking of the opening of the Caro sugar plant the Tuscola County Advertiser of last week said: Wed-

nesday of this week the big sugar plant started the campaign by beginning the work of treating the low grade molasses held over from last year, and now a steady stream of fine granulated sugar is running into the bin in the sugar house and from there goes to barrels and sacks.

This work is done before the arrival of any considerable number of beets and gives opportunity for the adjustment of machinery so that no delay is necessary when the roots begin their journey from bin to barrel.

It is the present intention of the company to begin receiving beets at its several weighing stations the 27th day of the present month, but it may not be possible to open all of them the same day. October 1st is the day set for receiving beets at the factory sheds.

The Central Michigan Produce Co. are about to ship a car load (40,000 pounds) of creamery butter to London, England. The people on the other side of the ocean know a good thing when they taste it, and having tried the Central Michigan product now buy it by the car load.

Saturday night dogs got into the flock of sheep belonging to Mr. Carr, a mile east of Forest Hill, and slaughtered them in a most cruel manner. Six sheep were found dead Sunday morning in the field, and several more had been torn and mangled in a frightful way, but it was thought that the most of them would live. Mr. Carr did not know who the dogs belonged to, but it won't be healthy for any of them to come to his farm again right away.—Shepherd Advocate.

Saturday, Sept. 29th is the day that we sell those 100 Ottomans for 29 cents each. CONVIS & CONVIS.

JESSE C. HARPER



Alma's Foot Ball Coach.

October 6—M. A. C. at Alma.
October 19—Hillsdale at Hillsdale.
October 27—Kalamazoo at Alma.
November 2—Albion at Albion.
November 10—M. A. C. at Lansing.
November 17—Olivet at Alma.
Coach Harper is rapidly familiarizing his men with the 1906 rules.

FATALLY BURNED.

Mrs. Daniel Cornell, of Bethany, Victim of a Gasoline Stove Explosion, Died Tuesday, Sept. 18.

In speaking of the accident and death of Mr. Cornell of Bethany township, which occurred recently, the St. Louis Independent of last week said:

"One of the most shocking accidents that has occurred in this section in years took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Cornell, four and one-half miles east of the city, about six o'clock Monday evening. Mrs. Cornell was about to prepare the evening meal over a gasoline stove. The stove did not generate properly and she poured some gasoline onto the burner, which caused an explosion and set fire to her clothing. She ran screaming from the house and endeavored to throw herself into a cement water tank to put out the fire. This she was unable to do and when her husband, who was at work in the field pulling beans reached her, her clothing was almost entirely burned from her body, which was terribly burned. Medical assistance was at once summoned and everything was done to relieve her suffering until about noon Tuesday, when she was released from her pain by death.

Deceased leaves a husband and one son about six years of age. She was a daughter of Mrs. D. C. Rounds, of this city, and was highly respected by all who knew her.

The relatives have the sympathy of all in their bereavement.

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GET IN LINE TO-NIGHT

If You are a Member of the Board of Trade, be at the City Hall To-night.

DIRECTORS CALL THE MEETING

Proposition From Little Giant Hay Press Co., will be Submitted—Has a Bright Future.

That the Board of Trade, through its president, secretary and general manager, are aware to the interests of Alma and are carefully scrutinizing every proposition submitted to them is an indication that when they indorse a proposition it must have merit. At a meeting of the board of directors held last week a proposition was submitted by the officers of the board which, after careful investigation, evidently met their hearty approval, as shown by the following resolution which was unanimously adopted:

"Moved and carried that the proposition of the Little Giant Hay Press Co. receive the indorsement of the Board of Directors, of the Alma Board of Trade, and that it be commended to the citizens of Alma as a desirable business to secure."

The members of the Board of Trade, consisting of seventy or more of our representative citizens, will meet this evening at the city hall, when all of the details of the proposition referred to will be discussed. The Little Giant Hay Press Co. is the name of a concern manufacturing hay presses and is one in which local capital is already interested. The outlook for the future of the concern is said to be exceptionally bright and the opportunity to secure for our city, what promises to become one of the largest manufacturing enterprises of its kind in the west, is now before us. Let every member of the Alma Board of Trade be present at the meeting tonight.

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